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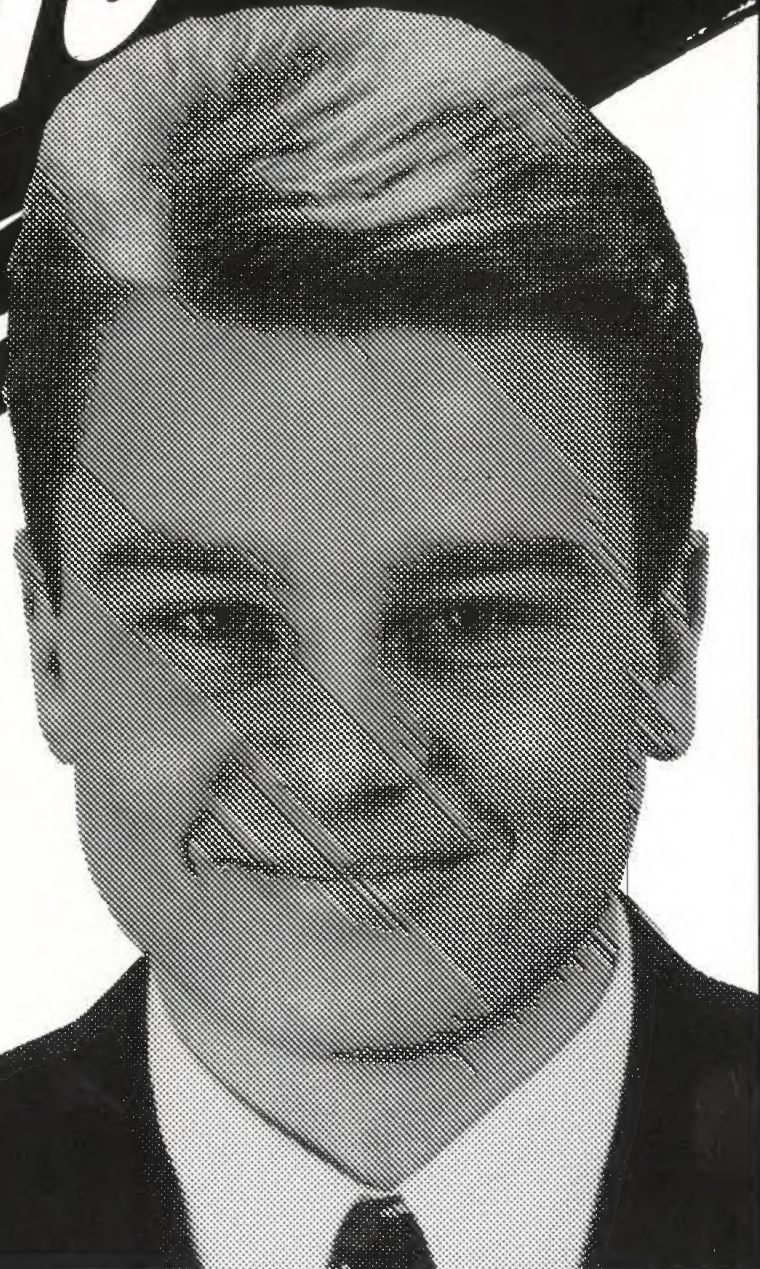
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Matt Taylor previews tonight's match against UTS Olympic.

After an encouraging start to the Ericsson Cup season, Canberra Cosmos look on track to record their first win against UTS Olympic at Bruce Stadium tonight. With draws against Sydney United and Sth Melbourne over the past two weeks, it appears the Cosmos

## MATCH PREVIEW

machine is oiling itself for better things as the 33 game season unfolds.

It is positioned 10th on the ladder with two points, but have a game in hand against the embattled Wollongong Wolves outfit, who have yet to register a point in their national league campaign. Cosmos coach Michael Lyons will have a difficult task of deciding who to leave out of his first team for tonight's game against Olympic, who are fifth on the ladder with seven points.

It is a position he is unaccustomed to, but one which should yield results. He can now mould a line up for a team like Olympic, which will relentlessly attack irrespective of the score on the board.

But Lyons said he may not start his latest recruit Norman Kelly tonight. After a long season with Brunei in the Malaysian League, Lyons feels Kelly might need a week's rest to recharge his batteries.

"He's a quality player, but I am undecided as to whether I'll start him or not", Lyons said. "Aside from that I am in a good position with my team selection as I now have all the Deakin players available, and with the inclusion of Kelly and the team is really starting to play as a unit, we should go well on Saturday night."

"All my squad of 20 are in contention for the first team, and I think that is a very healthy situation to be in". Lyons suggested he would start with the two Canberra Deakin dynamos, Tony Lemezina and Marko Perinovic, up front, with



Lachlan Armstrong, who returns from suspension to roam behind the forwards. Despite a 2-2 draw against South Melbourne, which Cosmos should have wrapped up mid-way through the second stanza. It can take solace from the fact it recorded its first goals of the season through defenders Paul Dee and Jason Dunn.

Olympic have scored six goals this season, with Kris Trajanovski leading the way with two superb strikes, but its defence has a question mark on it after conceding six goals.

Olympic coach Dave Ratcliffe has recruited a number of quality players, he has resurrected the career of Kimon Taliadoras, who faded into the footballing wilderness last year after promising so much earlier in his career. But don't expect Taliadoras to be a linchpin to Olympic attack tonight. Its chief destroyer could be Olyroo Peter Tskenis who has been in sparkling form during his side's opening four fixtures.

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## From the LYONS Den

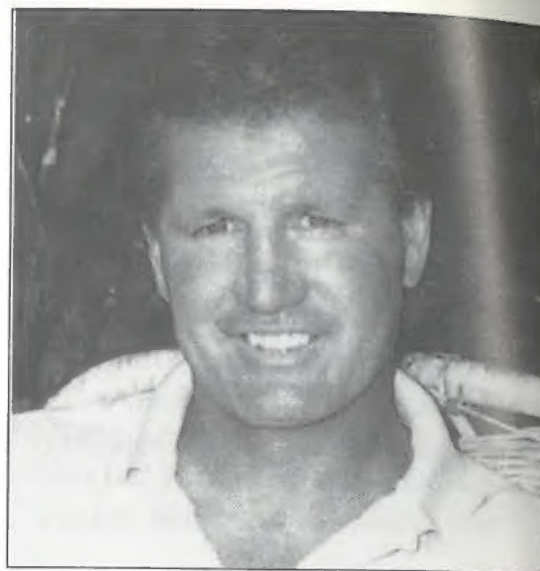
It has been a pleasing last two weeks for the Canberra Cosmos. We started with a 0-0 draw against Sydney United here at Bruce Stadium, that put some critics on their heels, followed by a 2-2 draw with South Melbourne last Sunday at Olympic Park in Melbourne.

The match against Sydney United was particularly rewarding. We had been written off by the soccer press and to perform as we did and with 10 men for most of the second half is a great result for the team. I think the whole squad was very pleased with our first up effort and we owe thanks to the Canberra crowd for the support they gave us. I know that with 15 minutes remaining some of the lads were struggling, but with the crowd behind us we lifted and managed to hold on to a memorable draw. I hope that tonight you will support us in similar fashion and give UTS Olympic a taste of parochial home town support.

The side is now close to fully settled and I believe we have a squad that will test all the teams in the Ericsson Cup. Over the next few weeks I think you will see an improvement in the quality of out play as we adapt better to each other and train together as a team. Some of the younger, inexperienced players are still adjusting to the speed and intensity of the Ericsson Cup, but they are learning quickly and I hope that soon they are recognised for the talent that they have.

One issue that has been of concern to us has been the inability to put the ball in the back of the opposition's net. After three games in the Ericsson Cup we have scored only twice (both against South last week).

We haven't yet been able to create enough chances for our strikers and have been unable to sustain the pressure on opposition defences. We have however, worked hard on this element of our game at training and I am sure that our supporters can look forward to some creative play



from the lads over the coming weeks. Another element of our style of play that has been focused on by the soccer media, is what they call our "rough-house tactics". Sure we play with enthusiasm and passion and have a strong physical team, but to suggest that we are too physical is a slur on all our players. We have a talented squad competing in what is ultimately a contact sport. Playing hard is what we are about. There is a great deal at stake in the Ericsson Cup and we will give nothing away to any team, but likewise expect nothing in return from our opposition.

Tonights visitors, UTS Olympic, have had a good start to the season including victories over the Melbourne Knights and Adelaide City and will, like the 11 other teams, be tough. But in saying that the team have met the challenges thrown at them and I am sure tonight will be no different.

I hope you enjoy tonights encounter, be vocal and show your support for the Cosmos, and I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to the after match function at the Canberra Rex Hotel.

Mike Lyons.

## Ericsson Cup Draw

### CANBERRA COSMOS - DRAW

Rd	Date	Match	Time	Score	Attendance
1	8/10/95	v Adelaide City	7:30pm	0-2	4,680
2	14/10/95	v Sydney United	7:00pm	0-0	5,490
4	22/10/95	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm	2-2	2,725
5	28/10/95	v UTS Olympic	7:00pm		
3	1/11/95	v Wollongong City	7:30pm		
6	4/11/95	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm		
7	11/11/95	v West Adelaide	7:00pm		
8	18/11/95	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm		
9	25/11/95	v Newcastle Breakers	7:00pm		
10	3/12/95	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm		
12	9/12/95	v Adelaide City	7:00pm		
11	13/12/95	v Morwell Falcons	7:30pm		
13	17/12/95	v Sydney United	7:00pm		
14	22/12/95	v Wollongong City	7:45pm		
15	26/12/95	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm		
16	30/12/95	v UTS Olympic	7:00pm		
17	6/1/96	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm		

### Mid Season Break - January (Johnnie Walker Cup, Preliminary Rounds)

18	4/2/96	v West Adelaide	7:30pm
19	10/2/96	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm
20	16/2/96	v Newcastle Breakers	7:45pm
21	24/2/96	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm
22	2/3/96	v Morwell Falcons	7:00pm
23	10/3/96	v Adelaide City	7:30pm
24	13/3/96	v Sydney United	7:30pm
25	16/3/96	v Wollongong City	7:00pm
26	24/3/96	v Sth Melbourne	7:00pm
27	27/3/96	v UTS Olympic	7:30pm
28	30/3/96	v Marconi Fairfield	7:00pm
29	6/4/96	v West Adelaide	7:00pm
30	8/4/96	v Brisbane Strikers	7:00pm
31	13/4/96	v Newcastle Breakers	7:00pm
32	21/4/96	v Melbourne Knights	7:00pm
33	28/4/96	v Morwell Falcons	7:00pm

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## CANBERRA COSMOS STAR PROFILE



NAME: Marko Perinovic  
POSITION: Striker  
AGE: 30 years  
HEIGHT: 185cm  
WEIGHT: 87kg  
LIKES: Scoring Goals  
DISLIKES: Injuries  
FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian  
BEST MOMENT: Having the opportunity to play fulltime in Hong Kong.  
WORST MOMENT: Knee injury a few years ago.  
PLAYING EXPERIENCE:  
- Sydney Olympic in NSL  
- Canberra City in NSL  
- South China, Happy Valley and Instant Dict in Hong Kong  
GREATEST INFLUENCE: Dad

## UTS OLYMPIC - A PROFILE

Statistician, Andrew Howe takes a look at UTS Olympic.

In 1958 the Pan Hellenic Soccer Club, the forerunner to the Sydney Olympic SC was formed. The club changed it's name to Sydney Olympic in 1976 when it was admitted as a foundation member of the newly formed Phillips Soccer League (PSL) that commenced in 1977. The club was relegated back to the NSW first division in 1979, but was readmitted to the National Soccer League in 1981 and has been there ever since.

In stark contrast to it's first four years in national competition, Olympic finished in the top half of every final table competition ladder from 1982 to 1992. Highlights of this extended halcyon period included grand final losses in 1984 (to South Melbourne), 1986 (Adelaide City) and 1989 (where Marconi scored the single winning goal in the 91st minute). Olympic's long awaited moment of glory did finally arrive, on May 20 1990.

Bouyed on by a majority of a packed Parramatta Stadium audience of 26,353, Olympic resoundingly beat Marconi in the grand final 2-0. Player of the match was former Canberra boy Andrew Bernal.

Since that glorious 1989-90 season - the first season of summer soccer - Olympic have had a relatively tough time. They have reached the finals twice in the last five years, but have yet to record a finals victory since 1990. One solitary statistic reflects the downturn in Olympic's fortune over recent years. The home gate in their game against Adelaide City late last season - a measly 871 - was by far the lowest ever recorded by Olympic in the national league.

Seen by many as being lucky to survive the 1995 off season culling of several clubs from the Ericsson A League, Olympic is back with a vengeance. A prosperous new partnership with the University of Technology Sydney (UTS), the appointment of a high profile general manager Lydia Dowse and a strong start to the 1995-96 season indicates that UTS Olympic could very soon again be one of the flagships of Australian Soccer.

Andrew Howe.

### UTS OLYMPIC - A SUMMARY OF NATIONAL LEAGUE PERFORMANCE

SEASON	FINAL POSITION	KNOCKOUT PLACING	RESULT v CANBERRA	
			CANB	SYD
1977	12 (14 teams)	8 (14 teams)	0-4	2-2
1978	8 (12 teams)	9 (32 teams)	3-1	1-2
1979	13 (14 teams)	9 (32 teams)	3-1	0-0
1981	9 (16 teams)	9 (36 teams)	1-2	0-2
1982	8 (16 teams)	9 (16 teams)	1-2	0-0
1983	7 (16 teams)	1 (16 teams)	1-1	3-1
1984	2 (12 teams)	last (24 teams)		1-1
1985	4 (12 teams)	1 (32 teams)	3-1	1-0
1986	2 (12 teams)	5 (32 teams)	0-1	1-1
1987	7 (13 teams)	9 (13 teams)		
1988	5 (14 teams)	5 (14 teams)		
1989	3 (14 teams)	2 (14 teams)		
1989/90	5 (14 teams)	2 (14 teams)		
1990/91	6 (14 teams)	9 (14 teams)		
1991/92	2 (14 teams)	8 (14 teams)		
1992/93	9 (14 teams)	9 (14 teams)		
1993/94	6 (14 teams)	8 (14 teams)		
1994/95	9 (14 teams)	3 (14 teams)		

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## Ericsson Cup Teams

### Canberra Cosmos

1. Danny Milosevic
2. Paul Dee
3. Joe Gagetti
4. Richard Watson
5. Jason Dunn
6. Paul Wade
7. Michael Garcia
8. Norman Kelly
9. Lachlan Armstrong
10. Marko Perinovic
11. Toplica Popovich
12. Arsenije Popovich
13. Paul Gagetti
14. James Baxter
15. Will Hastie
16. Scott Conlon
17. Leo Langone
18. Alan Strachan
19. Elliot Zwangobani
20. Ben Harris
22. Michael Musitano
23. Stan Dukic
24. Tony Lemezina

#### PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT	Dark Blue
Trim	Orange/White
SHORTS	Dark Blue
Trim	Orange/White
SOCKS	White

### UTS Olympic

1. Mike Gibson
2. David Barrett
3. Adam Ciantar
4. Nick Orlic
5. George Sorras
6. Peter Tsekenis
7. Joe Bacak
8. Kimon Taliadoros
9. Norman Tome
10. Branko Milosevic
11. Kris Trajanovski
12. Walter Ardone
13. Ralph Bove
14. Elias Augerinos
15. Nick Meredith
17. Milan Blagojevic
18. Ivo De Jesus
19. Con Paradisis
20. George Bouhoutos

#### PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT	Royal Blue
Trim	White
SHORTS	Royal Blue
Trim	White

#### ALTERNATE STRIP

SHIRT	Gold
Trim	Blue/White
SHORTS	Gold
SOCKS	Gold

## Les Scheinflug Cup Teams

### ACT Academy of Sport

1. Blair Machin
2. Jason Markezic
3. Manuel Sermeno
4. Oscar Zamora
5. Lindsay Wilson
6. Steve Richards
7. Michael Barac
8. Scott Conlon (O/Age)
9. Daniel Bennett
10. Anthony Barac
11. Pathana Phommaseisy
12. David Arranz
13. John Glass
14. Luke Larfield
15. Adam Powell
16. Antony Kelava
17. Vasko Stojceski
18. Silvio Miceli
19. Matthew Valeri
20. Dennis Langone

Coach: Chris Tanzey  
Assistant: Rod Lynes  
Manager: Chris Conti

#### PLAYING STRIP

Shirt:	White
Trim:	Blue/Jade/Yellow
Shorts:	White

### UTS Olympic

1. Stacey Algodellis
2. Socratis Bakafoukas
3. Leo Carle
4. Carlos Gonzales
5. Darren Hayward
6. Shane Hammond
7. Jonah Hassan
8. Daniel Kerti
9. George Maglis
10. Nick Rizzo
11. Kain Rastall
12. David Sevares
13. George Skamvougeras
14. Raffale Scognamiglio
15. Ben Willard
16. Paul Yates
17. Jose Belloamigo

#### PLAYING STRIP

SHIRT	Royal Blue
Trim	White
SHORTS	Royal Blue
Trim	White

#### ALTERNATE STRIP

SHIRT	Gold
Trim	Blue/White
SHORTS	Gold

#### MATCH PREVIEW (Cont. from Pg 3)

He scored a memorable goal against Newcastle in the first round when he sliced through a wall of defenders on the edge of the penalty area and slotted the ball past the keeper in stylish fashion.

Ratcliffe rates Tskenis very highly. He says the attacking midfielder has been Olympic's best player this season.

"He's looked the part for us in the opening few rounds," Ratcliffe said. "But it's not just Peter that has pleased me, it's the

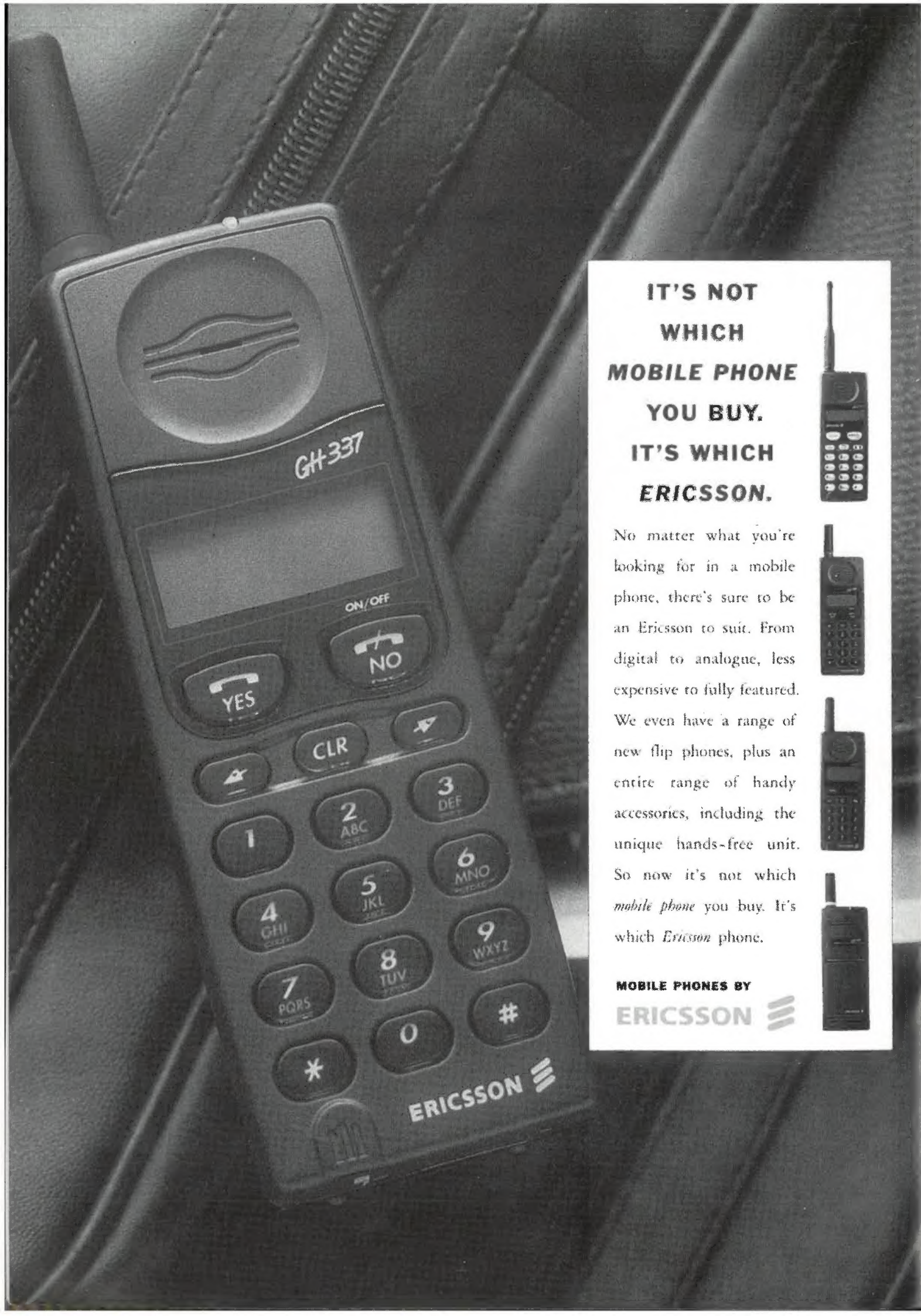
way the team is combining in attack and defence - that's what really pleases a coach.

"What I've seen of Canberra this year has been quite good. I'll expect a close game from them, particularly as they'll have the home ground advantage."

The game promises to be an entertaining show-case of soccer, so sit back and witness the Cosmos explode into top gear on the pitch tonight.

Matt Taylor





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## From The Grandstand

Chris Kunz takes a look at the Ericsson Cup and the Canberra Cosmos.

Well, were back! Saturday October 14 was a momentous day for all associated with the Canberra Cosmos. A crowd of over 5,000 and a courageous on-field performance brought back fond memories for those of us who remember the early days of Canberra City in the then Phillips Soccer League - over a decade and a half ago. How wonderful it was to see some of the old faces, but there are many more and more younger.

It may not be the Las Ramblas in Barcelona, the Champs Elysees in Paris, the Plaza de Mayo in Buenos Aires, Tiananmen Square in Beijing or even Wembley Way in London, but a stroll down Leverrier Crescent in Bruce prior to the home game is an exciting experience. Car lights streaming in through the gathering gloom, groups of chatting silhouettes converging on the entrance gates - the stadium's light towers drawing people like moths to what is seasonally, the biggest show in town.

Just how big a show a Cosmos home game has fast become is demonstrated by the possibility that tonight's match (weather permitting) could break the Ericsson Cup A League attendance record - at a time of writing held by Newcastle Breakers at 6,837.

Not bad for a team whose very existence was only ratified less than two months ago, whose players were labelled as the 'whipping boys' of the new A League and whose finances and local support were rumoured to be next to nothing.

The reality is a little different. The Canberra Cosmos have:

\* In Bruce Stadium the best home ground in the country.

\* In Paul Wade the best known Australian player.

\* Being a community-based club, the maximum potential support from the broader community.

\* The already acknowledged best playing strip (aren't some of the others boring!) as evidenced from that first home game.

\* The most vocal supporters.

While it may understandably, take a while to have the best team, the 'Canberra' chant (which I can assure rolls down the stand to crash onto the field) has and will continue to lift the team against superior opposition.

Ah, it's a new era; we're back - better than ever!

### COVER PHOTO

Is it Tom Berenger or Cosmos coach Michael Lyons playing for Everton in the early days.

## What's Ahead

### Complete Rd 3

25/10 Sydney Utd v Brisbane  
1/11 Cosmos v Wollongong

### Round 5

27/10 Wollongong v South Melb  
28/10 Cosmos v UTS Olympic  
28/10 Morwell v West Adelaide  
29/10 Melb Knights v Brisbane  
29/10 Sydney Utd v Newcastle  
29/10 Adelaide City v Marconi

### Round 6

3/11 Newcastle v Melb Knights  
4/11 Brisbane v Morwell  
4/11 Marconi v Cosmos  
5/11 South Melb v Sydney Utd  
5/11 UTS Olympic v Wollongong  
5/11 West Adelaide v Adelaide

### Round 7

10/11 Wollongong v Marconi  
11/11 Cosmos v West Adelaide  
11/11 Morwell v Newcastle  
12/11 Adelaide v Brisbane  
12/11 South Melb v UTS Olympic  
12/11 Sydney Utd v Melb Knights

### Round 8

17/11 Newcastle v Adelaide City  
18/11 Marconi v South Melb  
18/11 Brisbane v Cosmos  
19/11 UTS Olympic v Marconi  
19/11 West Adel v Wollongong  
19/11 Melb Knights v Morwell





# Competition Tables

Ericsson Cup Table as at 23rd October

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Morwell Falcons	4	2	1	1	10	6	7
Marconi Fairfield	4	2	1	1	7	5	7
Melbourne Knights	4	2	1	1	4	2	7
South Melbourne	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
UTS Olympic	4	2	1	1	6	6	7
Adelaide City	4	2	0	2	5	3	6
West Adelaide	4	1	3	0	3	2	6
Sydney United	3	1	2	0	1	0	5
Brisbane Strikers	3	1	0	2	6	4	3
Canberra Cosmos	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Newcastle Breakers	4	0	2	2	3	10	2
Wollongong City	3	0	0	3	1	7	0

Match Results 20/21/22nd October

Wollongong City	0	v	1	Sydney United
Brisbane Strikers	5	v	0	Newcastle Breakers
Marconi Fairfield	2	v	2	Morwell Falcons
UTS Olympic	1	v	0	Adelaide City
South Melbourne	2	v	2	Canberra Cosmos
West Adelaide	1	v	1	Melbourne Knights

Les Scheinflug Youth Cup

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sydney United	3	3	0	0	11	2	9
QLD Academy Sport	3	3	0	0	8	2	9
UTS Olympic	4	2	1	1	10	8	7
Marconi Fairfield	3	2	0	1	9	2	6
Wollongong City	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
Newcastle Breakers	4	2	0	2	5	5	6
Parramatta Eagles	4	1	3	1	6	4	5
AIS	3	1	1	1	9	3	4
ACT Academy Sport	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
Blacktown City	4	1	1	2	4	11	4
NSW ITC	4	0	0	4	3	15	0
ST George	4	0	0	4	1	18	0

Results for the 20/21/22nd October

Parramatta Eagles	2	v	2	ACT Academy
Wollongong City	0	v	3	Sydney United
QLD Academy	2	v	1	Newcastle Breakers
Marconi Fairfield	6	v	0	Blacktown City
ST George	0	v	7	AIS
UTS Olympic	4	v	2	NSW ITC

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